PTO/SB/21 (09-04) Approved for use through 07/31/2006, OMB 0651-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number Application Number 10/674.657 Filing Date TRANSMITTAL September 29, 2003 First Named Inventor **FORM** Billy Wayne Crue Art Unit 2652 **Examiner Name** n/a (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing) Attorney Docket Number **SEAG 63203** Total Number of Pages in This Submission **ENCLOSURES** (Check all that apply) After Allowance Communication to TC Fee Transmittal Form Drawing(s) Appeal Communication to Board Licensing-related Papers Fee Attached of Appeals and Interferences Appeal Communication to TC Petition Amendment/Reply (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) Petition to Convert to a Proprietary Information After Final **Provisional Application** Power of Attorney, Revocation Status Letter Change of Correspondence Address Affidavits/declaration(s) Other Enclosure(s) (please Identify Terminal Disclaimer Extension of Time Request below): - Request for Status Request for Refund Express Abandonment Request - return postcard CD, Number of CD(s) Information Disclosure Statement Landscape Table on CD Certified Copy of Priority Remarks Document(s) Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT Firm Name Pietragallo, Bosick & Gordon

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below: Signature Typed or printed name Alan G. Towner Date September 29, 2004

Reg. No.

32,949

Signature

Date

Printed name

Alan G. Towner

September 29, 2004

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.

10/674,657

Applicant

Billy Wayne Crue et al.

Filed

September 29, 2003

Title:

PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC RECORDING

HEAD HAVING A FLUX FOCUSING MAIN POLE

TC/A.U.

2652

Examiner

n/a

Docket No.

SEAG 63203

Customer No.

35810

REQUEST FOR STATUS

September 29, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The captioned patent application was filed on September 29, 2003. Since then, Applicants have not received an action on the merits of the application. Applicants respectfully request a communication from the Patent and Trademark Office concerning the status of the application.

Respectfully submitted

Alan G. Towner

Registration No. 32,949

Pietragallo, Bosick & Gordon One Oxford Centre, 38th Floor

301 Grant Street

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Attorney for Applicants

(412) 263-4340